



# *Results:* A Public Involvement Report

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Mountain View Corridor Environmental Impact Statement

July 19, 2004

## ALTERNATIVES IDENTIFIED: CONCEPTS NARROWED FROM OVER 300 TO EIGHT

### **Public Encouraged to Review Maps, Provide Input, and "Be Part of the Solution"**

Transportation experts have narrowed a list of more than 300 possible transportation concepts for the Mountain View Corridor (MVC) to eight—four in west Salt Lake County and four in northwest Utah County. You are encouraged to comment on these concepts by Aug. 31 via the project website at [udot.utah.gov/mountainview](http://udot.utah.gov/mountainview) or using the enclosed comment form.

"These concepts will be studied more over the next year, and the public is invited to comment now to allow time for the project team to address questions and concerns," said Teri Newell, project manager for the Utah Department of Transportation. "We encourage residents to discover how they may be affected and provide feedback."

Every potential MVC transportation solution includes transit, roadway and trail facilities. A multi-modal approach is important for providing travel choices in the future and for helping meet transportation demand, according to Newell.

"We are pleased to have transit play a key role in the project and look forward to coordinating with federal transit officials to work through the processes required for transit planning and implementation," said Justin Jones, Utah Transit Authority spokesman.

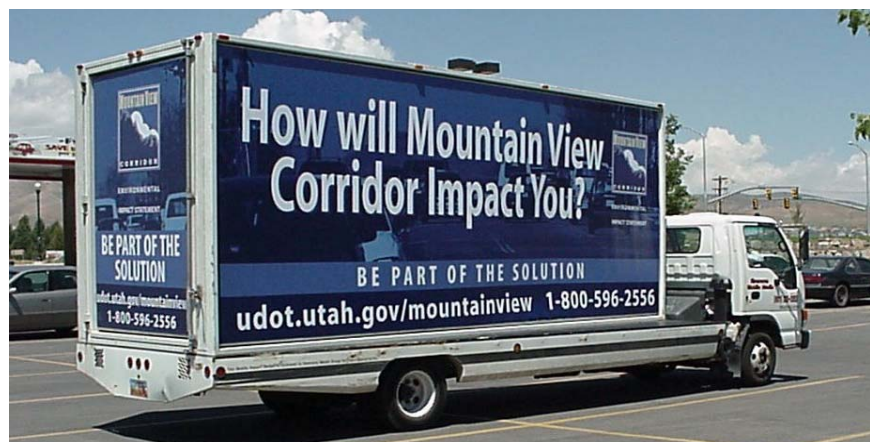
The MVC project team will host nine neighborhood gatherings between July 20 and July 31 to discuss the eight concepts one-on-one with residents. The team has also created the Mountain View Corridor "Talk Truck," which will travel through the Corridor between July 17 and July 31 distributing maps of the concepts and flyers encouraging public input.

Those without internet access may visit their local library to pick up the concept maps. Feedback may be provided by responding to questions on the project website ([udot.utah.gov/mountainview](http://udot.utah.gov/mountainview)) or by calling the project phone line at 1-800-596-2556.

Over the next 12 months, the MVC Environmental Impact Statement study team will continue to analyze the concepts and add details, like transit station and roadway interchange locations. A public hearing on the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement* is planned for Fall 2005.

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## ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

### Identifying the Transportation Concepts

After using anticipated transportation performance, potential environmental impacts, public input and other criteria to help identify potential solutions, the MVC EIS team has narrowed a list of more than 300 possible transportation concepts for the Corridor to eight—four in Salt Lake County and four in Utah County (see enclosed maps for details).

### Incorporating Growth Choices Principles

The MVC EIS team partnered with Envision Utah and a stakeholder committee comprised of local jurisdictions, land owners and conservation groups, who helped identify “Growth Choices” principles to assist in guiding transportation decisions for the future in the MVC. The project team used these principles, along with other important criteria, to narrow the list of concepts to eight. Each of the eight remaining MVC concepts incorporates these principles, which emphasize a multi-modal approach to transportation that includes transit, roadways and trails.

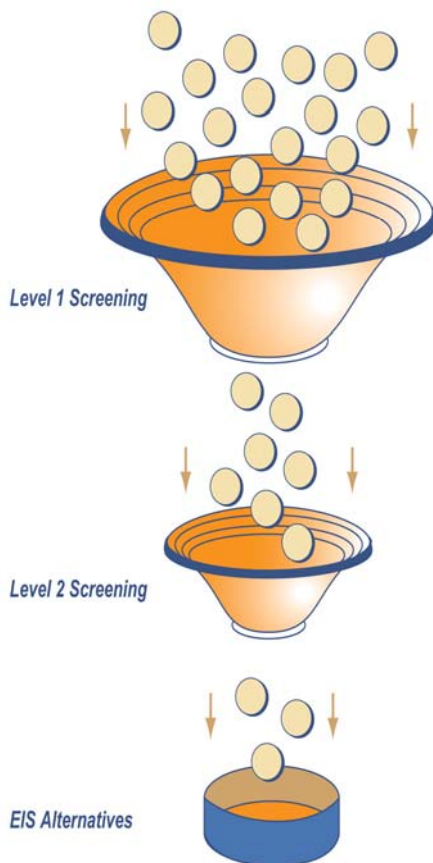
### *Where did the Alternatives come from?*

The MVC EIS team used the following methods to gather as many suggested actions and/or alternatives for consideration during the screening process:

- 🔊 Public, Local Government, and Agency Scoping
- 🔊 Relevant, Previous Studies Analyses
- 🔊 MVC EIS Team Internal Development of Alternatives
- 🔊 Envision Utah’s Growth Choices Process

This effort resulted in a list of over 300 suggested actions and/or alternatives.

### What is Screening?



**1:** Screening is a process used to evaluate all possible transportation alternatives.

**2:** Ideas gathered from the public and other sources are analyzed.

**3:** As each concept is screened, it is either eliminated or advanced for further study in the *DEIS*.

### Public Scoping

The MVC EIS team gathered more than 700 comments from 275 individuals during the first stage of the study. Comments were collected through public workshops, community presentations, written surveys, the project website and a comment line. Public comments revealed important issues related to transportation needs and environmental setting in the Corridor. The MVC EIS team also used public comments to create a comprehensive list of transportation concepts for the MVC.

### Screening

In a process called “Screening,” transportation experts reviewed potential transportation solutions and eliminated those that were not feasible. They then grouped similar concepts together and selected eight concepts to be studied in more detail over the next year. Criteria analyzed to narrow the concepts list to eight included traffic data, population projections, “Growth Choices” principles, and potential impacts on the social, built and natural environments.

## PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED

### Public Input Sought on Transportation

#### Concepts and Study Documents

The release of eight possible transportation solutions marks an important milestone in the project and a key time for public feedback.

These concepts will be studied more over the next year, and the public is invited to comment by Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, to allow time for the project team to address questions and concerns.

The MVC EIS team also welcomes comments on the "Screening Report," which outlines the screening process, and the draft "Purpose and Need Document," which describes transportation needs in the MVC study area. Residents can use the project website ([udot.utah.gov/mountainview](http://udot.utah.gov/mountainview)) to view these documents as well as the transportation concepts.

People are encouraged to "Be Part of the Solution" by giving input on key aspects of the study prior to the release of the EIS. Additional opportunities for comment on all of these issues will be provided during the comment period that follows publication of the EIS.

Those without internet access may visit their local library to pick up the concept maps and view the study documents. Feedback may also be provided by attending neighborhood gatherings or by calling the project phone line at 1-800-596-2556.

#### *Available for public comment*

- ☛ Four Utah County Concepts
- ☛ Four Salt Lake County Concepts
- ☛ Screening Report
- ☛ Draft Purpose and Need

#### *Attend a Neighborhood Gathering*

The MVC EIS team will hold a series of Neighborhood Gatherings July 20-23 and July 27-31. Each gathering will be held from 5 to 8 PM. Project representatives will give a short presentation at 6:30, 7:00, and 7:30. The following is a list of dates and locations.

1. Smith's (corner of SR-73 and SR-69 in Saratoga Springs) — July 20
2. Neighborhood Park at approximately 1850 N. 1250 W. in Lehi—July 21
3. Lehi Ballpark on Main St.—July 22
4. Foothill Park, 4800 W. Grandview Peak (14090 S.) Riverton—July 23
5. Ron Wood Wash Ballpark, 6000 W. New Bingham Hwy., West Jordan—July 27
6. Hillside Elementary, 4283 S. 6000 W., West Valley City—July 28
7. West Valley Elementary, 6049 W. Brud Dr., West Valley City—July 29
8. Ream's, 7235 W. 3500 S., Magna—July 30
9. Ream's, 7235 W. 3500 S., Magna—July 31

#### *How Can I Provide Input?*

- ☛ Enclosed comment form
- ☛ Project web site: [udot.utah.gov/mountainview](http://udot.utah.gov/mountainview)
- ☛ Telephone Comment line: 1-800-596-2556
- ☛ Comment boxes at local libraries
- ☛ Mountain View Corridor Talk Truck Gatherings
- ☛ E-mail: [mountainview@utah.gov](mailto:mountainview@utah.gov)
- ☛ Mail: 488 E Winchester St., Suite 400 Murray UT 84107



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## Watch for the MVC Talk Truck to come to your neighborhood!



Neighborhood gatherings will be held nightly on July 19-23 and 27-31 along the corridor. MVC EIS team members will be available to answer your questions about the eight alternatives.

### Be Part of the Solution!

Leave your comments on our web site  
[www.udot.utah.gov/mountainview](http://www.udot.utah.gov/mountainview) or call  
1-800-596-2556

## PURPOSE OF AND NEED FOR ACTION (P&N)

### *Purpose—*

The primary purpose of a Mountain View Corridor (MVC) transportation project is to provide a system that reduces road congestion, supports transit availability, and supports local growth objectives. The transportation system should also be safe and support bicyclists and pedestrians.

### *Need—*

The MVC has need for major transportation improvements because the population, and related employment demand, is growing rapidly. Increased population and employment demand leads to increased congestion, increased travel times, lost productivity, and reduced levels of safety. There is also a need for more transportation choices in the study area.

A complete description of P&N is available online at [www.udot.utah.gov/mountainview](http://www.udot.utah.gov/mountainview).

## NEXT STEPS: BEYOND THE SCREENING PROCESS

The screening process identified conceptual alternatives with specific locations, forms of transportation, and facility types. The corridor width and exact footprint will be defined during the next year as the alternatives are developed and refined. In addition, potential impacts to the natural and built environment will be studied in much more detail.

The MVC EIS team will also examine and assess other key components including the number of roadway lanes, depressed or elevated facility, roadway lane function (i.e., general purpose or HOV); Interchange locations, transit station locations, park & ride lot locations, and minor shifts to alignments in order to minimize impacts.

**If you would like to receive project updates via e-mail, please let us know by logging onto our web site and filling out a comment form.**

**Coming in Fall 2005**—Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be available for public review and comment.